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Subject: FW: Review of BiOp for FL Assumption
Attachments: EXTERNAL - draft FWS BiOp with EPA comments and suggested revisions - 10-20-2020.docx; INTERNAL - summary of EPA comments and suggested revisions to draft FWS BiOp - 10-20-2020.docx
Importance: High

Apparently there was a little miscommunication with Jeaneanne, as I thought she knew we were setting up a call with the USFWS for Mon/Tue to ask them clarifying questions. I just texted her to discuss and she will call me shortly. My sense is we could still proceed with a short call with the FWS on Monday, perhaps even a one-on-one call, and keep it limited to

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In addition, I think we should follow-up and simply tell them we will need to postpone the call with the larger group to either later next week or early the following week. I won't do anything until I get Jeaneanne's feedback, but if you have comments/recommendations in the meantime please let me know. Tom

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Dave, David, Susan and Mary,

As we continue our review of documents and material related to the request by FL to assume CWA 404, our team has prepared the attached set of comments on the USFWS's draft BiOp. I would appreciate your review/comment and/or approval to share these comments with USFWS. The document which requires review is the attachment

with "EXTERNAL" in the filename. Also attached is a 2-page companion summary of our comments, intended to remain internal to EPA (see attachment with "INTERNAL" in the filename).

The BiOp is on our bi-weekly agenda for next week so I wanted to give you time to consider the documents before the meeting. For your information, these comments reflect the work of our assumption team, including HQ (OW, OGC and OECA) representatives. In OGC they have been reviewed by staff attorneys and Steve Neugeboren agreed to me sending the documents forward. In OW, John Goodin has been briefed and agreed to send the documents forward. In OECA, Henry Barnet has indicated they have no additional comments. OECA/OCE is still reviewing the documents and Rosemarie Kelly agreed to my forwarding them in the interim. In Region 4, I have reviewed the comments.

Once approved for release to USFWS, our intent would be to request a meeting with USFWS to discuss the comments at essentially the same time we send the comments forward to them.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks
Jeaneanne